GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Tiger/Elephant Reserves
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of Tiger reserves under Project Tiger and Elephant reserves under Project Elephant in the country, State-wise;
(b) whether the Government has any plan to create new Tiger and Elephant reserves in the country and if so, the details thereof;
(c) the details of the funds allocated and disbursed for Project Tiger and Project Elephant during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
(d) the progress made so far under project Tiger and project Elephant in the country; and
(e) the number of complaints of human infiltration in the tiger reserves received during the said period and the action taken thereon along with the steps taken to check the said incidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) The details of Tiger Reserves under Project Tiger and Elephant Reserves under Project Elephant in the country, State-wise, are at Annexure-I (a) & (b) respectively.
(b) In-principle approval has been accorded by the National Tiger Conservation Authority for creation of three new tiger reserves: (i) Ratapani (Madhya Pradesh), (ii) Sunabeda (Odisha) and (iii) Guru Ghasidas (Chhattisgarh).
Elephant reserves are created as per recommendations received from concerned State Government based on the conservation need and other factors.
(c) The details of funds allocated/disbursed for Project Tiger alongwith utilisation by States and Project Elephant during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise, are at Annexure-II (a) & (b) respectively.
(d) The assessment of the status of tigers, co-predators and their prey 2014 using the refined methodology has shown a countrywide 30% increase in tiger numbers with an estimated number of 2226 (range 1945-2491) as compared to 2010 estimation [1706 (1520-1909 tigers)]. The details of tiger estimation pertaining to tiger landscapes in the country, for the years 2010 and 2014 are at Annexure-III.
As per efforts made by the Government of India through Project Elephant, the population of wild elephant in the country has increased from 26373 in 2002 to 29391-30711 in 2012 as at Annexure-IV.
(e) No complaints of human infiltration in the tiger reserves during the said period were received by the National Tiger Conservation Authority. However, in event of such situation, the State takes action through concerned field formations as per provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
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